

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

In the Preliminary Amendment filed June 23, 2006, page 5, delete the paragraph inserted on page 9, line 1, and on page 6, line 1, insert the following heading and paragraph:

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On page 7 (of the original application), lines 11-17, please amend the paragraph to read as follows:

As Fig. 5 clearly shows, the clamping arm unit 30 exhibits at its side wall at least one elbow lever axis guide groove

34 (cf. Fig. 5) that limits the travel of a first elbow lever end axis 71 in certain operational positions. At its bottom side, the clamping arm unit 30 is designed with a sliding seat for the stop element 50 and a guide link 32 for a knife unit guide roll 49.

On page 7, lines 18-23, please amend the paragraph to read as follows:

The handle lever unit 60 exhibits at the articulated handle lever joint 61 a stop bolt 62. This is a fixed stop for the stop element 50 of the elbow lever unit 70. The stop bolt 62 can be connected to the handle lever unit 61 in a fixed manner cylindrically as a rigid axis, or it is arranged ~~rotably~~ rotatably around the articulated handle lever joint 61.

On page 10, lines 3-8, please amend the paragraph to read as follows:

The elbow lever unit 70 is comprised of a first elbow lever 72 and a second elbow lever ~~78~~ 75 that is articulated on the first elbow lever via an elbow lever center axis 73. The elbow lever center axis 73 is guided in a movable fashion in

the elbow lever axis guide groove 66 of the handle lever unit 60 via an elbow lever guide roll 74.

On page 17, lines 19-23, to page 18, lines 1-5 please amend the paragraph to read as follows:

Fig. 4 shows how a long cable end is fed through the stripping pliers 100, in particular through the pliers' knife unit 40. Also recognizable is the elbow lever axis guide groove 34 in the clamping arm unit 30 (see Fig. 5) by which the travel of the first elbow lever end axis 71 and with it, the travel of the stop element 50 is limited. Important is, in particular, the limiting of the forward movement of the first elbow lever end axis 71, because this prevents too great a clamping force from acting upon the clamping jaws 21, 31, which would squeeze off very thin cables.